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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR COMPUTING TO SUPPORT DECOMPOSING PROPERTY INTO SEPARATELY VALUED COMPONENTS

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.
09/134,451

Applicant(s)
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Examiner
Nicholas D. Rosen

Group Art Unit
2764



All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to papers filed January 18, February 23, and April 13, 2000

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-128

☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☒ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 3.

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☒ Interview Summary, PTO-413

3 ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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1. Claims 1-128 have been examined.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-26 are allowed.
3. Claim 27 is allowed.
4. Claims 32-71 are allowed.
5. Claims 72-91 are allowed.
6. Claim 92 is allowed.
7. Claim 93 is allowed.
8. Claims 99-122 are allowed.
9. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The most nearly analogous prior art appears to be stripping bonds to create zero coupon bonds and separate streams of coupons, as disclosed, for example, by Roberts et al. However, while Roberts et al. disclose most of the limitations of independent claims 1, 27, 32, 72, 92, 93, and 99, Roberts et al. and the other prior art of record in separately valuing and selling such financial products disclose only the separate sale of parts of existing properties, and do not teach or suggest the temporal decomposition of property into components, as recited in independent claims 1, 27, 72, 92, 93, and 99.

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

10. Claim 28 is allowed.

11. Claim 29 is allowed.

12. Claims 30 and 123 are allowed.

13. Claims 31 and 124 are allowed.

14. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The most nearly analogous prior art appears to be stripping bonds to create zero coupon bonds and separate streams of coupons, as disclosed, for example, by Roberts et al. However, while Roberts et al. disclose most of the limitations of claims 28, 29, 30, and 31, Roberts et al. and the other prior art of record in separately valuing and selling such financial products disclose only the computer-implemented calculation of market-based valuations of components of properties, and do not teach or suggest electronically communicating at least some of the financial analysis output of a first computer as input to a second computer, which then generates a second market-based valuation reflecting computation of a current market-based yield/discount rate for the component, and generates a document including the second market-based valuation and a stored text at an output device electrically connected to the second computer, as recited in independent claims 28, 29, 30, and 31.

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15. Claim 94 is allowed.
16. Claims 95 and 125 are allowed.
17. Claims 96 and 126 are allowed.
18. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The most nearly analogous prior art appears to be stripping bonds to create zero coupon bonds and separate streams of coupons, as disclosed, for example, by Roberts et al. However, while Roberts et al. disclose most of the limitations of claims 94, 95, and 96, Roberts et al. and the other prior art of record in separately valuing and selling such financial products disclose only the computer-implemented calculation of market-based valuations of components of properties, and do not teach or suggest electronically communicating at least some of the financial analysis output of a first computer as input to a second computer, which then generates a second market-based valuation reflecting computation of a current market-based yield/discount rate for the component, and generates a second financial analysis output, including the second market-based valuation, at an output device electrically connected to the second computer, as recited in independent claims 94, 95, and 96.
19. Claims 97 and 127 are allowed.
20. Claim 98 is allowed.
21. Claim 128 is allowed.

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22. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The most nearly analogous prior art appears to be stripping bonds to create zero coupon bonds and separate streams of coupons, as disclosed, for example, by Roberts et al. However, while Roberts et al. disclose most of the limitations of claims 97, 98, and 128, Roberts et al. and the other prior art of record in separately valuing and selling such financial products disclose only the computer-implemented calculation of market-based valuations of components of properties, but do not teach or suggest determining a purchase price in consummating a sale and corresponding purchase of the components, as recited in independent claims 97, 98, and 128.

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Conclusion

23. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Lubell discloses the decomposition of assets in a charitable remainder trust, with a charity receiving a remainder interest and the donor retaining the right to receive income from the donated asset for life. Roberts et al. disclose methods and apparatus for restructuring debt obligations.

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24. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be addressed to Nicholas D. Rosen, whose telephone number is (703) 305-0753. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.


If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell, can be reached at (703) 305-9768. The fax number for this Group is (703) 308-1396.

Communications via Internet e-mail regarding this application, other than those under 35 U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by the applicant and should be addressed to Nicholas.Rosen@uspto.gov.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist, whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.


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